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Deputy Glenn R. Kufen, Jr.
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P. O. Box 1292
Georgetown, South Carolina 29442

Dear Deputy Kufen:

You have inquired as to what offenses can be cited on a uniform traffic ticket.

S.C. Code Ann. Section 56-7-10 (Supp. 2003) provides that "(t)here will be a uniform traffic ticket used by all law enforcement officers in arrests for traffic offenses and for the following additional offenses...." Thereafter, a list of offenses for which the uniform traffic ticket may be utilized is set forth. Furthermore, as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. Section 56-7-15 (Supp. 2003),

The uniform traffic ticket, established under the provisions of Section 56-7-10, may be used by law enforcement officers to arrest a person for an offense committed in the presence of a law enforcement officer if the punishment is within the jurisdiction of magistrate's court and municipal court.

Therefore, a traffic ticket may be used for any offense within the jurisdiction of a magistrate's or municipal court if the offense is committed in the presence of the officer.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Richardson
Senior Assistant Attorney General